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### MONEY IN EGGS AND HOW TO GET THEM.

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In the first place if we go into poultry keeping for eggs we must look for a variety of fowl that are the best egg producers, and in my judgment they will be found among what we call the American classes, such as Leghorns, Hamburgs, Minorcas, etc. My choice

THE subject I have selected to place before the breeders of poultry and farmers in general is one in which we all ought to be interested—and I intend giving it from the starting point, for although many of our readers will know many of the points given, we must not forget that there are some that do not, and it is to them principally that I will direct my attention.

would be Leghorns. In this breed we have four varieties which are bred pretty general namely, white, black, brown and buff—in the white and brown we have the single comb, and also the rose comb which is closer to the head and there is not so much danger of being frozen. Now, settling on a variety, the first thing is the procuring of the stock. Of course, the Leghorns are not a breed of fowl that you can rely on to hatch, and if an Incubator is not used you must procure other hens to do the hatching. In having the idea in view of keeping hens for production of eggs I first would buy from some good reliable dealer seven or eight pullets and a cockerel, give them a good run, lots of fresh air, and see that they have lots of gravel and grit, such as old mortar, crushed oyster shells, broken china, etc., and then pick out all the best shaped and largest eggs for hatching, say about March 15th or April 1st. If you have an Incubator you will have full directions with it. If you use hens as hatchers see that they have comfortable nests, soft straw or hay, a sod scooped out for the bottom is an excellent plan, or when weather is warm enough set them on the ground. Put some powdered sulphur among the straw and also dust your hen with insect powder to kill any lice that she may have. Many a good nest of eggs has been spoiled on account of having a lousy hen. This done, see that your hens are fed every day. I generally take mine off every morning, give them whole corn and clean water, let them dust themselves in powdered earth, then if they do not go on when I think it is time I put them on and close them up until next morning. If the nests get fouled wash the eggs with warm water and put in fresh straw and all well in three weeks you will be amply repaid for your trouble by a nice nest of downy chicks. Now chicks are out give them nothing to eat for the first